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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/726,058
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Group Art Unit	2178
Examiner Name	Vaughn, Gregory J.
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- X   1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
- a.        Previously submitted
- i.        Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.        Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.        Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Currently Submitted
- i.   X   Amendment/Reply
- ii.        Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.        Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.        Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Miscellaneous
- a.        Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of        months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) **required**)
- b.        Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the        dated       , set to expire on       , be extended by        month(s) to expire on       . The \$       (large entity // small entity???) fee is submitted herewith.

